

STADIUM IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
DESIGN SUBCOMMITTEE

Friday December 14, 2012

1-3 p.m.

333 City Hall

Meeting Minutes

Subcommittee members present: *Chair:* Tom Fisher. *Members:* Tim Baylor, Sandra Colvin Roy, Tom Meyer, Kevin Reich, R.T. Rybak, Craig Taylor, Jesse Winkler. **Other Implementation Committee members present:** Diane Hofstede, Peggy Lucas

Guests: Jim Cima, Larry Redmond, Lester Bagley, (Mn Vikings); Barbara Butts Williams, Michele Kelm-Helgen, Bill McCarthy, Tiffany Orth (MSFA); Kim Havey, Lissie Schiffman (Sustology), Dan McLaughlin (Mpls Bldg Trades)

Staff/consultants present: Peter Brown, Hilary Dvorak, Beth Elliott, Jeff Handeland, Chuck Lutz, Jennifer O'Rourke, Brendon Slotterback, Sally Westby

1.0 Call to order – the meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by chair Tom Fisher.

2.0 Approval of the minutes of the 9/28/12 Design Subcommittee meeting – It was MOVED and SECONDED that the minutes of the 9/28 meeting be approved. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 Design Progress and Schedule – Michele Kelm-Helgen reported that the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA) held a number of productive meetings with the City regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and other issues. The Schematic Design for the Stadium is scheduled for presentation in March 2013. The Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Construction Manager (CM) for the Stadium has been issued. A decision on the CM is anticipated at the end of January 2013. The budget for the Stadium remains the same and the project will need to live within those confines. The MSFA staff has been working with the architects to meet women and minority goals for professional services. This project is one of the first in which women/minority goals have been included in a professional services contract. The MSFA is also working on an overall equity plan, which will go to the MSFA board in January 2013. The full design team has not yet been chosen but will soon be in place.

Tom Meyer asked if the program for the facility had been developed in any greater detail? Jim Cima replied that the program is preliminary in nature and would be refined now that the architects are involved. Kelm-Helgen noted that the program as outlined in the legislation focused on the interior of the building so there is not a lot of detail yet on the public spaces.

Mayor Rybak suggested that the design team take into account the impact the Stadium would have on the Minneapolis skyline as well as the view shed it will have to the City. These views could be camera shots used for Monday Night Football. Fisher said that the architects noted the importance of the view sheds during their interview.

In response to a question from Diane Hofstede, Fisher said there is significant work now being done on ways to reduce bird collisions with buildings. He will forward information to the architects.

In response to concerns raised by Sandra Colvin Roy, Kelm-Helgen said that Steve Maki of the MSFA staff is well versed regarding storm water issues and has been in discussion with the architects about storm water concerns and issues related to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The MSFA will ensure that coordination occurs on EIS issues.

4.0 Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design – Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND)-

Kim Havey and Lissie Schiffman presented information to the subcommittee regarding a LEED process for neighborhoods (LEED-ND). Sustology proposed that the Stadium subcommittee support taking the neighborhood around the Stadium through the LEED-ND process. They noted a number of economic, environmental and public relations benefits to having a LEED-ND certified neighborhood surrounding the Stadium.

Subcommittee members expressed interest in the process especially since the Stadium area would be the first neighborhood in Minneapolis and the first surrounding a major league stadium to achieve this designation. In addition, LEED-ND certification could make the area more desirable both to developers and to residents.

Concerns were raised by City staff, however, about the cost of applying for and achieving LEED-ND certification in terms of both fee and application costs and hidden City staff costs and whether going through the process would be worth it since the City already has in place many of the policies that LEED-ND suggests. City staff from CPED planning and the Sustainability office have had recent relevant experience with LEED-ND through a pilot project for the Loring Park neighborhood and staff were not convinced that LEED-ND is worth the effort. A very significant amount of work was required of City staff to collect and attempt to synthesize a large amount of city-wide service and infrastructure data that cannot be easily broken down to reflect discrete neighborhoods as required by LEED-ND. City staff noted that LEED-ND was developed for and may be more appropriate to new construction such as suburban greenfield developments and subdivisions where the infrastructure is being provided all at once. Applying LEED-ND in a fully developed urban area where much of the infrastructure has already been built is likely to be more challenging. One possibility discussed would be to compare LEED-ND and current City policies to determine how much difference there is and if LEED-ND has the potential to significantly enhance standard City policies for discrete areas such as the stadium district.

Since support for LEED-ND if appropriate is one of the subcommittee's already adopted Design Principles, the subcommittee determined not to take additional action at this time but to keep the proposal under advisement. Chair Fisher thanked Havey and Schiffman for their presentation.

5.0 Adjourn – 2:15 p.m.

6.0 Next subcommittee meeting – Fri Jan 18 @ 1 p.m. 333. *Later rescheduled to Fri Feb. 15@ 1 p.m. Rm 333 City Hall*